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From Mist's Weekly Journal, June 3.

SOME private Letters from Vienna insinuate, as if the Czarina died about the 8th of May, tho' it was not made publick till the 17th, and that it was concealed, that the Emperor (to whom an Express was sent) might take proper Measures before it came to be known in other Courts.

We are also told from Vienna, That the Duke of Holstein is appointed Chief of the Regency during the Minority of the young Prince; and that the Emperor of Germany, his Uncle by Marriage, is named Guardian; but of this we shall know more in a little Time.

They write from the Hague, that the Preliminaries lately signed by the Emperor, and the Plenipotentiaries of the Allies of Hanover, consist of 12 Articles, eight whereof are those proposed by the said Allies, and the other 4 that were proposed by the Emperor in April last. The Dutch News Writers deliver these Letters a little ambiguously; for they tell us the Siege of Gibraltar is to be raised in eight Days after the King of Spain shall sign the said Preliminaries.

The said Dutch Gazeteer is also pleased to tell us, that the East India Trade is to be carryed on hereafter by the Company of Trieste.

From the Whitehall Evening-post, June 3.

Hague, June 10. N. S. Our last Letters from Petersburg, are full of Admiration at the Manly and Majestick, though affable Carriage of their young Monarch, during the Ceremony of his taking Possession of the Throne, he shews an entire Friendship for all the Imperial Family, and lays no less Stress on his Proclamation, upon his succeeding by vertue of the Czarina's Will, than he does on being the Grandson of the late Czar. He continues all the great Officers in their Posts, and all is quiet in Russia. They boast that the Enemies of their Empire will have no Cause to rejoice at the Czarina's Death, because instead of lessening its Credit and Influence, they reckon this Event will strengthen them, and render them more formidable than during the late Reign.

The Preliminary Articles lately signed at Paris, by the Ministers of the Emperor, Great Britain, France and Holland, were not the Identical eight sent to Vienna, as the Ultimate Resolution of the Allies of Hanover, for they underwent some Alterations and Additions.

London, June 3. By Letters from Jamaica dated the 29th of March, we learn that the *Bruce Hope*, Capt. Cathcart, was arrived there from Porto Bello, with a considerable Sum of Money for account of the South Sea Company; and that Captain Bedford who commanded the South Sea Company's Sloop *St. James*, was dead.

His Excellency the Lord Carteret will soon return to his Government in Ireland.

On Monday last Mr. Whirnil a Gardner at Hoxton, presented his Majesty with several fine Bunches of ripe Grapes.

This Morning his Majesty, accompanied by the Lord Viscount Townshend, the Earl of Isla, &c. set out from St. James's for Greenwich, and embarked on board the Carolina Yatcht for Holland.

Most of the Foreign Ministers go likewise to Hanover.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, June 10.

Madrid, May 20. They continue to assure, That the Troops which were on their March from Catalonia towards the Camp of Gibraltar, are designed for a secret Expedition, wherein the 12 Men of War which were at Cadiz, are to be employed, the six new Vessels, now building at St. Andero, will be launched the Beginning of next Month. This Day was published the Permission granted by the King to the City of Biscay and other Maritime Ports, to cruise upon the English. There is forthwith to be sent for Vienna, 36 fine Horses, taken out of the King's Stud, which his Majesty sends to the Emperor.

From the Supplement to the Amsterd. Gazette, June 10.

According to Letters from St. Petersburg, the 20th of May, Messieurs de Tolstoy Naroskin, and several others, had been banished to their respective Lands, and confined to Fortresses, without the Loss

Loſs of Goods or Honours; but that Meſſieurs de Vien and Puyſerof, had loſt their Offices, Dignities, Goods and and Liberties, and had been exiled into Siberia ſoon after the Death of the Empreſs.

We have received by the ſame Letters an Extract of the Teſtament, ſaid to be made by the late Empreſs; and though we cannot anſwer for the authenticknes of this Piece, yet we have thought proper to publiſh it to the World, till ſuch Time as we are better informed.

I. The Crown of Ruſſia belongs of right to the Great Duke.

II. Till ſuch Time as this Prince attains the Age of 16, the Regency ſhall be compoſed of the Dutcheſs of Holſtein, the Princeſs Elizabeth her Siſter, the Duke of Holſtein, Prince Menzicoff, the Count Apraxin the Grand Chancellor, Count Golofskin Vice Chancellor, Baron Oſterman, Prince Galiczin, and Prince Dolhorucki, now in Sweden.

III. The Council of Regency ſhall endeavour to engage the new Emperor to marry the youngeſt Daughter of Prince Menzicoff.

IV. And that the Princeſs Elizabeth be married to the Biſhop of Lubeck, and have for her Portion 300,000 Rubles.

V. In caſe the new Emperor ſhall die without Male Iſſue, the Dutcheſs of Holſtein ſhall ſucceed to the Throne; and after her, the Princeſs Elizabeth; and in conſequence, the Great Princeſs, Siſter to the new Emperor.

VI. No Head ſhall wear the Ruſſian Crown, who poſſeſſes any other Crown.

VII. The two Princeſſes Daughters of the Empreſs, ſhall have each for her Inheritance a Million of Rubles, to be paid during the Emperor's Minority.

VIII. The Empreſs's own Dominions may be divided among her Relations of Conſanguinity; but her two Daughters only ſhall have the Moveables, Plate, Jewels, *&c.* divided between them.

IX. The Engagements with the Houſe of Holſtein ſhall be punctually fulfilled; and the Duke ſhall cultivate a good Underſtanding with Ruſſia, how ſoon he ſucceeds to the Crown of Sweden.

X. The Roman Emperor ſhall be invited to guaranty this Diſpoſition, conformably to the Treaty of Alliance.

From the Evening Poſt, June 3.

Cadix, May 13. Letters from the Camp before Gibraltar ſay, that our Army has been reinforced with freſh Troops, and that our Batteries diſcharge every Day 4000 Shot, beſides the Bombs and Grenadoes they throw into the Town. The ſame Letters ſay, that the Gariſon is very numerous, and makes a vigorous Reſiſtance.

Paris, June 4. On the 1ſt Inſt. the King declared publickly, that Peace was concluded; and the next Day the Regiments of Guards who were preparing for a March, were countermanded.

Mr. d'Andrezel, Ambaſſador of France at the Ottoman Porte, died at Conſtantinople the latter End of March.

Coblentz, June 1. An Expreſs is come from Vienna, with a Commiſſion conſtituting (as 'tis ſaid) Count Wallis Governor of the Province and City of Luxemburg.

Greenwich, June 3. This Morning about 9 his Majeſty arrived at this Place from St. James's, and immediately went on board the Carolina Yatcht, upon which the Guns fired from the other Yatchts. The Dukes of Grafton, Dorſet, Newcaſtle, Leeds, Richmond, Argyle, and Hamilton, the Earls of Leiceſter, Orkney, and Selkirk, the Lords, Delaware and Finch, and Sir Robert Walpole, together with many other Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction, went on board and took their Leave of his Majeſty. At 11 the Yatchts were all under Sail, but with little or no Wind, ſo that they were towed by Boats; and the Guards and his Majeſty's Coaches were ordered to proceed to the Kentiſh Road, to be ready in caſe his Majeſty ſhould be becalmed.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, June 6.

Since our laſt arrived 4 Mail from Holland, one from France, and two from Flanders.

LEtters from Paris of the 11th Inſt. ſay, That they had Letters from the Camp before Gibraltar of the 17th paſt, adviſing, that the Fire of the Beſiegers and Beſieged continued very great; and that on the 13th the Duke of Wharton, Aid de Camp to the Conde de las Torres, had received a Wound from the Gariſon.

'Tis a great Subject of Debate in moſt Converſations, whether Gibraltar will remain in our Poſſeſſion, or not. Mean time 'tis aſſerted in the Leyden Gazette of the 11th Inſt. That the 2d Article for a general Peace in Europe imports, That all poſſeſſed by any of the contracting Parties, as well by

by virtue of the Treaties of Utrecht, Baden, and the Quadruple Alliance, as all other Treaties and Conventions before the 1725, and which do not concern the Emperor and the States General, ſhall remain unaltered, unleſs it be found really neceſſary; and that th' 3d Article contains in Subſtance That all the Freedom in Commerce which the French and Engliſh Nations, as alſo the Subjects of the States General, enjoyed formerly by virtue of the Treaties, as well in Europe as in the Eaſt Indies, be reſtored, conformably to Cuſtoms, Laws and Rules ſtipulated to each of the ſaid Nations before the 1725.

On the other hand the Accounts given from Paris of the Preliminary Articles ſigned there the 1ſt Inſt. N. S. ſay, That the 4th and 5th Articles thereof import, that it is to be decided in the Congreſs, which is to be opened the 1ſt of October next, whether Gibraltar and Portmahon ſhall remain to the Engliſh, or be reſtored to Spain, and alſo whether the Engliſh ſhall keep the 22 Factories they have eſtabliſhed in the Spaniſh Indies; whether they ſhall be permitted to ſend thither the Aſſiento Ship.

People are very impatient to come to the Truth of theſe Articles for a general Peace. Mean Time they may be fully ſatisfied, that an Honeſt and juſt Regard will be had to the Poſſeſſions, Commerce, Rights and Privileges of Britain.

Letters from Bruſſels of the 9th Inſt. ſay, That the Actions of the Oſtend Company were riſen to 40 per Cent. on ſecurity to them for the Return of the 9 Ships from Eaſt India, the Loading whereof is ſaid to amount to ſeven Millions.

From Madrid of the 26th paſt 'tis adviſed, that ſix Battallions are ordered to embark at Barcelona to reinforce the Camp before Gibraltar, that 4 Battallions are marching from Arragon to the ſame Purpoſe. And from Hanover, That Tents were provided there for the King and his Retinue, if a War ſhould have happened, 3 or 4 of which were taken from the Turks by a Body of Hanoverians about 40 Years ago under Command of his Majeſty.

We hear from the Nore, That the Yatchts having on board the King and his Retinue, joined the Men of War Yeſterday at Noon, and put to Sea together with a freſh Gale of Wind at S. W.

They write from Edinburgh, That on the 27th paſt the whole Copies (to the Number of 2000) of an Impreſſion of a Roman-Catholick Catechiſm, were, by Order of the Magiſtrates, burnt to Aſhes by the Hand of the common Hangman.

Advices from Dublin relate, That on the 25th paſt died of a Fever and Jaundice, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Drogheda, and is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his Brother the Hon. Mr. Moor, his Lordſhip having left no Iſſue.

We have Advice, That the *John*, Captain Ranken, bound from Bourdeaux to Dublin, was taken off the Iſland Orland the 18th paſt by a Spaniſh Privateer.

The Ships belonging to our Spaniſh Merchants here, continue to lie in the Docks: But 'tis hoped it will not be long untill we ſhall have the happy Proſpect of ſeeing Trade have its full Circulation.

Yeſterday died Mr. Fiſher, an eminent Portugal Merchant of this City.

From the Evening Poſt, June 6.

Paris, June 11. The Emperor has writ a Letter to the King, full of Expreſſions of Tenderneſs for his Majeſty; and declaring, That to him, as Mediator of the Differences in Europe, and to his wiſe Council, all the Powers will be indebted for Peace. Letters from the Camp before Gibraltar dated the 17th of May, ſay that the Cannonading on both Sides was ſtill very extraordinary, and conſequently, the Loſs of Men very conſiderable, both among the Beſiegers and Beſieged.

Copenhagen, June 4. Admiral Norris is ſtill here with his Squadron, waiting for a fair Wind.

Benevento, May 20. On the 13th Inſtant the Pope left this Place to return to Rome.

London, June 6. Henry Cunningham Eſq; is appointed Commiſſary of Muſters in North Britain.

Yeſterday in the Evening an impudent Fellow broke the Scepter in the Hands of his Majeſty's Effigies in the Royal Exchange, and afterwards made his Eſcape.

Laſt Saturday Mr. Corſar was admitted to Bail, as was alſo Mr. Graham out of the Tower.

Every Mail which comes in either from France, Holland or Flanders, brings different Articles of Pacification, which are all ſaid to be the ſame as were ſigned at Paris the 31ſt of May; however, tho' they vary in ſeveral Points, they all agree in this, That the Congreſs is to be held at Aix la Chapelle,

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within 4 Months after the ſigning of the Articles; that immediately after ſigning all Hoſtilities ſhall ceaſe, and that in reſpect to Spain they ſhall ceaſe eight Days after his Catholick Majeſty has received the ſaid Articles.

The Lord Viſcount Primroſe is made Captain of the Earl of Stair's Regiment of Dragoons.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, June 6.

Bruſſels, June 9. There are now 12000 Imperialiſts in the Province of Luxemburg.

London, June 6. On Sunday-Night Orders were ſent to Admiral Hoſier in the Weſt Indies, to retire with his Squadron before Porto Bello.

From the Daily Journal, June 6.

Francfort, June 6. The Imperial Levies are ſtill carried on with good Succeſs: And this Day a good Number of new-rais'd Men were ſent to their reſpective Regiments.

Mentz, June 4. The Imperial Magazine here, and that of Coblentz, &c. are ſtored with Meal and Oats; and we ſee every Day Veſſels bringing Proviſions to the ſaid Magazines. 'Tis ſaid the Imperial Artillery is coming down by Water, and that 400 Artillery Horſes are ready at Mildenburg to forward it by Land.

Genoa, May 31. Yeſterday arrived here the *Mary and Elizabeth*, James Fiſher Maſter, in 14 Days from Gibraltar. The Maſter relates, That the Garriſon had found out ſome Traitors, of which Number was one George Batiſta Surba, who acted as Genoeſe and French Conſul, and one John Noble an Iriſhman; who had kept a Correſpondence with the Spaniards by the Way of Tetuan, and informed them of all that was done in the Garriſon.

Vienna, May 31. Letters from the Frontiers of Turkey ſay, That the Porte begins to grow impatient at the long Paper-War, carried on by the Chriſtian Powers, whom they would rather ſee fall out in good Earneſt, that they might have an Opportunity to fiſh in troubled Waters.

Edinburgh, June 12. Laſt Week the Clergy of the Epiſcopal Perſwaſion here, appointed Wedneſday next to be obſerved by thoſe of their Communion, as a Day of Faſting and Prayer, That the Almighty would graciouſly be pleaſed to ſend fair Weather and preſerve the Fruits of the Earth.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶ Whereas the General Meeting of the Adventurers in the Fiſhing Copartnery, is to be held in the Parliament Houſe, on Tueſday the 27th of June inſtant, at three a-clock Afternoon; Therefore the Managers, in order to be able to finiſh their Report, have agreed to expoſe again the Copartnery's Lands of Peterhead and Stonehaven, to Roup in the Burrow Room on Tueſday the 20th inſt. betwixt the Hours of three and four Afternoon.

¶ Whereas Mr. Lockheart of Carnwath hath reſolved that the GAME in the Muirs of Carnwath and Dunſyre, ſhall be preſerved. Therefore it is hereby advertiſed, That no Perſons are hereafter to be allowed to Hunt or Fowl upon the ſaids Muirs without Liberty, and that proper Officers are appointed according to Act of Parliament, to preſerve the Game in the ſaid Muirs.

By WALTER LOCKHART Baillie.

†§† That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 31 paſt, did unanimouſly agree to raiſe a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock and did order the ſame to be paid in to their Treaſurer on or before the 15th Day of June inſt. With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.

¶ There is to be ſold by voluntar Roup upon the 15th of June inſt, in the Houſe of William Dick Vintner in Edinburgh, at Three after Noon, the Lands of NEWGRANGE (ſome prior Acres) and POLDUFF, lying in the Shire of Fife near to St. Andrews, of free Rent, 97 Bolls 6 Firlots Bear, 15 Bolls, 3 Firlots, 2 Pecks Oats, 22 L. 3 ſh, 8 d. of Money, and 40 Hens. Any who incline to purchaſe, may inquire for Mr. Aliſon Writer to the Signet at his Chamber in Carrubber's Cloſe, where they may be ſatisfied as to the Rental and Progreſs.

† That WILLIAM DEAN, Silk-dyer and Linen-Printer in the Canongate, Edinburgh, has a conſiderable Quantity of printed Linens ready for Sale; where Merchants may be furniſhed very reaſonably; and that Merchants and others may have any Quantity of Linen printed by the ſaid DEAN, conform to former Advertiſements and his Pattern-books which are to be ſeen at the Poſt-offices of all or moſt of the principal Towns in the Kingdom.

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